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SUBJECT: Ecuador Lowers Interest Rate Ceilings

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Summary. Empowered by a slightly modified year-old banking l

[1](#)2. (U) Ecuador's banking law entered into force in July 2007, establis

[1](#)3. (SBU) In December, the Constitutional Court declared the methodolog

[1](#)4. (U) Following are the maximum interest rates for different market

Month	January 2008	August 2008
Commercial	11.81	9.66
Personal consumption	21.19	17.26
Housing	13.55	11.66
Microcredit	27.98	25.50
Subsistence microcredit	39.98	35.20

[1](#)5. (SBU) According to Cesar Robalino, President of the Ecuadorian Banke

[1](#)6. (SBU) Comment: President Correa took office determined to push dow

[1](#)7. (SBU) Comment, continued. Ironically, a second objective of the Co

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